

**Kanegasaki Sister City Committee  
Regular Business Meeting  
Amherst Senior Center's Alice Dowd Lounge  
October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007 @ 6:30 PM**

**Members Present:** Yuko Takahashi, Carolyn Platt, Stephanie Joyce, Denise Boyd, Nancy Pagano

**Absent:** Byron Koh, Nancy Bess, Helen MacMellon

**Minutes of Sept. Meeting:** Accepted as read.

**Treasurer's Report:** None

**Mailing of Books to Kanegasaki:** Carolyn is nearly ready to mail our gift books to Kanegasaki. She is waiting to email a staff person from the Kanegasaki library in advance of the mailing. Yuko is obtaining a name for this contact.

**Term Limit Issue:** It was decided to table this issue for the time-being.

**Update on Offer of Employment in Kanegasaki:** The KSCC is waiting for a response to Yuko's email to Myuki seeking more details about the new teaching position Mayor Takahashi has proposed in Kanegasaki to help its citizens learn English and more about the Amherst culture. It seems for one thing that the timing of the Kanegasaki school year and our own academic year are not in sync in a way that would be attractive to someone teaching here. Our year starts in September and theirs starts in April. What role should our committee play in the selection? Is it possible to shorten the length of service being proposed to less than three years, or even to a matter of months? What age teacher does the Mayor have in mind? What knowledge does this person need to have about the Amherst culture?

**Next Meeting:** It was decided to schedule the next meeting in January.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

**Respectfully submitted, Nancy Hirsh Pagano, Liaison/Secretary**